



# Delaware Early Childhood Council

## Healthy Young Children & Families Sub-Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes-May 2, 2018

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Children & Families First

91 Wolf Creek Boulevard

Dover, DE 19901

Attendance: Karen DeRasmo, Prevent Child Abuse Delaware; Natasha Williams, Nemours Health and Prevention Services; Edward Isabell, Wilmington Head Start; Candice Buchanan, Department of Education; Susan Campbell, Birth to Three; Karen Hartz, LACC; Angela Connor, Office of Early Learning; Paulina Gyan, Division of Public Health; Donna Snyder-White, United Way of Delaware; Division of Public Health; Crystal Sherman, Division of Public Health; Leslie Newman, Children & Families First

### 1. Welcome & Call to Order

- Leslie Newman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
- All attendees introduced themselves and what agency they represent.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes from January were approved.

### 3. Delaware Grade Level Reading Campaign

- Leslie Newman reviewed the vision, goals and objectives (attached) of the School Readiness Sub-Committee. The Healthy Young Children & Families committee discussed which of these goals and objectives to attack first and what the benchmarks would be. It was decided the group would work on developmental screening, hearing screening and language and literacy screening. Mental health and vision screening could be added in the future. Expanding home visiting was the second goal that was briefly discussed. What data is available and could be used to identify baselines and develop benchmarks was discussed at length. ASQ (child care centers, schools, home visiting, CDW) and PEDS (pediatricians, HMG) data will likely be used to determine baseline for the number of children appropriately screened and referred for developmental delays. The Newborn Hearing Screening program has data on screening, referral and diagnosis data for every child born in the State. Angela Connor stated the Office Early Learning has EL survey data that could be used for baseline literacy screening data. Crystal Sherman has some of the home visiting data for Division of Public Health funded programs but we need to get other program data from the Office of Early Learning. The committee was unclear where vision screening or mental health screening data would come from. Strategies will be developed once baselines and benchmarks are determined.

**4. Development of Strategies and Priorities (Screening; Optimal Brain Development; Informed Parent)**

- Karen DeRasmo reviewed the history of the QT 30 project and the development of the materials. The committee discussed ways to promote the QT 30 booklet and the opportunities to educate providers and parents how the booklet can be used. Ways to encourage reading were offered by committee members such as partnering with libraries.

**5. Next Steps**

- Leslie Newman and Crystal Sherman will meet to flesh out goals and strategies as well determine what data will be used for baselines.

**6. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will take place on September 5, 2018 at 9:30AM at Children and Families First Dover office.